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**AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 10.2% IN FEBRUARY, AND 5.8% IN FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1991**

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 15, 1991 -- Airline passenger traffic was down 10.2 percent in February, and 5.8 percent in the first two months of 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles declined 5.5 percent in February, compared to the same month last year. Available seat miles decreased 4.2 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 5.2 percent to 28.9 million, while the load factor averaged 58.0 percent as opposed to 58.8 percent in February of last year.

In international service, passenger miles in February were down 26.8 percent, and available seat miles decreased 10.6 percent. Passenger enplanements declined 27.0 percent to 2.0 million, and the load factor averaged 49.8 percent compared to 60.8 percent last year.

For the first two months of 1991, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were down 5.8 percent to 61.5 billion, and the number of passengers decreased 4.6 percent to 64.2 million. Available seat miles declined 3.2 percent, and the load factor averaged 56.7 percent versus 58.2 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1991 - 1990

| | FEBRUARY | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1990 | 1991 | PERCENT CHANGE | 1990 | 1991 | PERCENT CHANGE |
| DOMESTIC | | | | | | |
| PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000) | 30,498 | 28,900 | (5.2) | 61,470 | 59,401 | (3.4) |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | 24,504,258 | 23,167,073 | (5.5) | 49,808,868 | 48,184,119 | (3.3) |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | 41,692,788 | 39,940,525 | (4.2) | 87,670,431 | 84,853,849 | (3.2) |
| LOAD FACTOR (%) | 58.8 | 58.0 | | 56.8 | 56.8 | |
| INTERNATIONAL | | | | | | |
| PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000) | 2,684 | 1,959 | (27.0) | 5,784 | 4,781 | (17.3) |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | 7,036,334 | 5,149,817 | (26.8) | 15,458,903 | 13,289,395 | (14.0) |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | 11,569,850 | 10,339,901 | (10.6) | 24,405,476 | 23,620,181 | (3.2) |
| LOAD FACTOR (%) | 60.8 | 49.8 | | 63.3 | 56.3 | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000) | 33,182 | 30,859 | (7.0) | 67,254 | 64,182 | (4.6) |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | 31,540,592 | 28,316,890 | (10.2) | 65,267,771 | 61,473,514 | (5.8) |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | 53,262,638 | 50,280,426 | (5.6) | 112,075,907 | 108,474,030 | (3.2) |
| LOAD FACTOR (%) | 59.2 | 56.3 | | 58.2 | 56.7 | |

NOTE: HAWAIIAN FEBRUARY DATA IS ESTIMATED

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

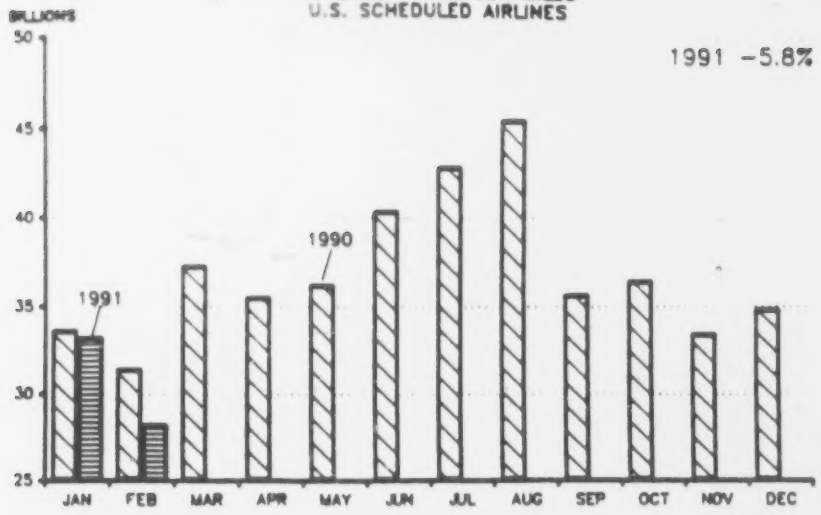
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

| MONTH | REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | LOAD FACTOR | ENPLANEMENTS (000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1990 | | | | |
| January | 33,727,179 | 58,813,269 | 57.3 | 34,072 |
| February | 31,540,592 | 53,262,638 | 59.2 | 33,182 |
| March | 38,357,005 | 60,167,903 | 63.7 | 40,160 |
| April | 36,510,337 | 58,927,018 | 62.0 | 37,972 |
| May | 37,193,764 | 61,056,944 | 60.9 | 37,876 |
| June | 41,305,346 | 61,401,163 | 67.3 | 40,451 |
| July | 43,921,303 | 64,709,470 | 67.9 | 41,735 |
| August | 46,593,409 | 65,402,556 | 71.2 | 44,489 |
| September | 36,520,229 | 60,761,698 | 60.1 | 35,468 |
| October | 37,501,512 | 62,252,748 | 60.2 | 38,026 |
| November | 34,440,984 | 58,487,977 | 58.9 | 35,830 |
| December | 35,816,112 | 60,022,794 | 59.7 | 35,872 |
| TOTAL 1990 | 453,427,772 | 725,266,178 | 62.5 | 455,133 |
| Jan - Feb | 65,267,771 | 112,075,907 | 58.2 | 67,254 |
| 1991 | | | | |
| January | 33,156,624 | 58,193,604 | 57.0 | 33,323 |
| February | 28,316,890 | 50,280,426 | 56.3 | 30,859 |
| TOTAL 1991 | 61,473,514 | 108,474,030 | 56.7 | 64,182 |

| | PERCENT CHANGE | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | ENPLANEMENTS (000) |
| 1991/1990 | | | |
| February | -10.2 | -5.6 | -7.0 |
| Jan - February | -5.8 | -3.2 | -4.6 |

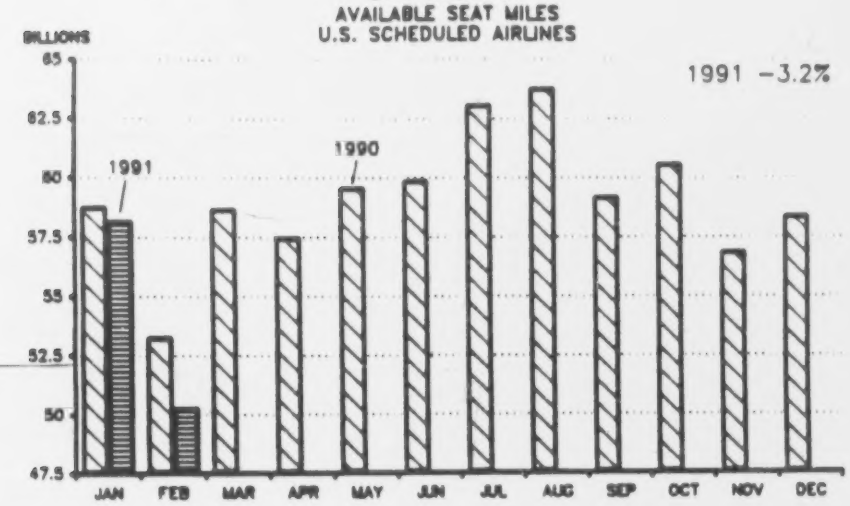
## PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES




## CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES




## LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES